



# North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council

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## VETERANS COORDINATING COUNCIL

### COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

#### AMVETS CLUB, FARGO, ND

JANUARY 9, 1990, 10:30 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Elmer Ekern. Chairman Ekern explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss where the proposed moving of the Regional Office functions to St. Paul was at now and to discuss the progress of the various suggestions that were brought up at previous meetings.

Director Don Colston spoke to the group. He said to his knowledge the consolidation effort was somewhat dormant in that there is no consolidations monies in the budget. All Congressional delegation staff members were present. Senator Burdick's Senate Bill 1982 was discussed. Chuck Barstad proposed we ask for an amendment to the bill to include minimum expected for a functional Regional Office. Chuck Barstad, Greg Seurer, and Roger Bengtson were appointed to work on the amendment.


The approach suggested by Congressman Dorgan to move the St. Paul office to Fargo was discussed. Demographics compiled are not completed at this time. John Berge, Elmer Ekern, and Milt Kane were appointed to work on completion of this effort. They were asked to include other cities such as Chicago.

Vern Useldinger, American Legion, conveyed the groups appreciation to the Congressional staff and the VA staff for their assistance in looking into the proposed moved.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned with a thank you to the AMVETS for hosting the meeting.

The next regular meeting is scheduled, as planned, in Carrington at the Chieftain Inn, March 12, 1990, at 10:00 a.m. Please make your own reservations if needed. A one day meeting is planned.

For the President

  
Milton W. Kane  
Acting Secretary

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January 15, 1990

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